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TABLE 1

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA SEASONALLY ADJUSTED[a] (Numbers in thousands)	DECEMBER 1989	NOVEMBER 1989	OCTOBER 1989	DECEMBER 1988
Total civilian labor force	14,370	14,440	14,457	14,198
Total civilian employment	13,611	13,715	13,767	13,524
Total unemployment	759	725	690	674
Seasonally adjusted rate(%)	5.3	5.0	4.8	4.7
Range[b]	4.7 - 5.9	4.3 - 5.7	4.1 - 5.5	4.0 - 5.4
CALIFORNIA UNADJUSTED[a] (Numbers in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force	14,295	14,469	14,475	14,131
Total civilian employment	13,611	13,761	13,816	13,520
Total unemployment	684	708	659	611
Unadjusted rate(%)	4.8	4.9	4.6	4.3
Range[b]	4.2 - 5.4	4.2 - 5.6	3.9 - 5.3	3.6 - 5.0
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.3

[a] Total labor force by place of residence, including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family, and domestic workers.

[b] Range as shown is at the 90% level of confidence.

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the U.S. Department of Labor.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December was 5.3 percent, up from the 5.0 percent in November. A year ago, in December, the rate was 4.7 percent. During December in California, seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 104,000 over the month while unemployment increased by 34,000. The number of job losers decreased from 353,900 in November to 321,200 in December. The number of job leavers increased by 4,900 during the month. The national civilian seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December was 5.3 percent.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, not seasonally adjusted, increased by 60,800 from 12,634,300 in November to 12,695,100 in December. The largest increase in employment was in the retail trade sector with a gain of 53,200 jobs. Other sectors that registered increases were services with 9,100 additional jobs, finance, insurance, and real estate with 3,400; transportation and public utilities with 900; and mining with 100. After adjusting the data for seasonality, increases in employment were recorded in all major sectors except transportation and public utilities, and mining. Since December 1988, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment has increased by 316,800, a gain of 2.6 percent over this period. Average weekly earnings in manufacturing increased to $465 while average weekly hours increased to 41.1 during the month of November.

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TABLE 2

EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA
(Numbers in Thousands)
Data Are Not Seasonally Adjusted
Data Are Three-Month Moving Averages*

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	DECEMBER 1989	NOVEMBER 1989	OCTOBER 1989	DECEMBER 1988
Total, Age 16+				
Labor Force	14,413	14,451	14,447	14,136
Employed	13,729	13,757	13,764	13,467
Unemployed	684	694	683	668
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.7
Male, Age 20+				
Labor Force	7,640	7,662	7,690	7,570
Employed	7,305	7,321	7,355	7,230
Unemployed	335	341	335	341
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5
Female, Age 20+				
Labor Force	5,921	5,956	5,906	5,760
Employed	5,682	5,716	5,660	5,544
Unemployed	239	240	247	216
Unemployment rate	4.0	4.0	4.2	3.8
Both Sexes, Age 16-19				
Labor Force	852	834	851	805
Employed	742	720	749	694
Unemployed	110	114	102	111
Unemployment rate	12.9	13.6	11.9	13.8
White, Age 16+				
Labor Force	12,160	12,164	12,159	11,882
Employed	11,632	11,608	11,606	11,355
Unemployed	548	556	553	526
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.4
Nonwhite, Age 16+				
Labor Force	2,233	2,287	2,288	2,254
Employed	2,097	2,150	2,158	2,112
Unemployed	136	138	130	142
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.0	5.7	6.3

*Data supplied by the U.S. Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey. No comparable data are available for areas within California. The sample upon which the data in Table 2 is based was reduced in April 1988. The result has been volatile monthly unemployment estimates for specific labor market groups. Therefore, data show a THREE-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE instead of monthly data. For example, July's data are an average of May, June, and July.

TABLE 3

EARNINGS AND HOURS* OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Average Weekly Earnings			Average Hours Per Week			Average Hourly Earnings		
NOV 1989	OCT 1989	NOV 1988	NOV 1989	OCT 1989	NOV 1988	NOV 1989	OCT 1989	NOV 1988
$465.25	$456.75	$446.63	41.1	40.6	40.9	$11.32	$11.25	$10.92

*Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. These are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings. Data are preliminary and subject to change.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR DECEMBER
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
--DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY--

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH (REVISED)	YEAR AGO	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
	DEC89	NOV89	DEC88	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	12695.1	12634.3	12378.3	60.8	316.8	0.5	2.6
MINING	41.7	41.6	41.5	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.5
METAL MINING	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-4.5
FUEL MINING	32.4	32.3	32.[illegible]	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0
NONMETAL MINING	7.2	7.2	6.[illegible]	0.0	0.3	0.0	4.3
CONSTRUCTION	660.4	664.5	631.[illegible]	-4.1	29.3	-0.6	4.6
GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS	172.9	173.9	170.[illegible]	-1.0	2.8	-0.6	1.6
HEAVY CONSTRUCTION	82.0	83.4	77.[illegible]	-1.4	4.9	-1.7	6.4
SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS	405.5	407.2	383.9	-1.7	21.6	-0.4	5.6
MANUFACTURING	2163.7	2163.7	2163.[illegible]	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	715.3	715.8	704.1	-0.5	11.2	-0.1	1.6
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	173.7	176.1	172.1	-2.4	1.6	-1.4	0.9
CANNED, CURED, FROZEN SEAFOODS	7.0	6.6	6.4	0.4	0.6	6.1	9.4
PRESERVED FRUITS & VEGETABLES	47.7	49.0	49.6	-1.3	-1.9	-2.7	-3.8
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	119.0	120.5	116.[illegible]	-1.5	2.9	-1.2	2.5
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	17.3	17.3	17.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.8
APPAREL & OTHER TEXTILE PRODS	130.5	130.4	128.6	0.1	1.9	0.1	1.5
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	41.4	41.2	41.4	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.0
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	167.9	166.6	164.0	1.3	3.9	0.8	2.4
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS	75.6	75.4	73.4	0.2	2.2	0.3	3.0
PETROLEUM & COAL PRODUCTS	28.8	28.7	28.3	0.1	0.5	0.3	1.8
RUBBER & MISC PLASTIC PRODUCTS	73.6	73.7	72.8	-0.1	0.8	-0.1	1.1
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	6.5	6.4	6.5	0.1	0.0	1.6	0.0
DURABLE GOODS	1448.4	1447.9	1459.0	0.5	-10.6	0.0	-0.7
LUMBER & WOOD PROD EXC FURNITURE	68.5	69.4	68.2	-0.9	0.3	-1.3	0.4
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	63.6	62.9	64.7	0.7	-1.1	1.1	-1.7
STONE, CLAY & GLASS PRODUCTS	57.8	58.4	57.4	-0.6	0.4	-1.0	0.7
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	44.2	44.3	43.7	-0.1	0.5	-0.2	1.1
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	134.0	134.1	135.5	-0.1	-1.5	-0.1	-1.1
MACHINERY EXC ELECTRICAL	226.4	225.5	220.9	0.9	5.5	0.4	2.5
ELECTRICAL EQUIP & SUPPLIES	380.6	380.7	396.6	-0.1	-16.0	-0.0	-4.0
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	314.6	313.7	315.0	0.9	-0.4	0.3	-0.1
MOTOR VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	34.6	34.5	35.9	0.1	-1.3	0.3	-3.6
AIRCRAFT AND PARTS	179.8	179.2	174.3	0.6	5.5	0.3	3.2
SHIP & BOAT BLDG & REPAIRING	12.0	12.2	13.2	-0.2	-1.2	-1.6	-9.1
GUIDED MISS, SPACE VEHICLES PTS	78.1	77.9	81.0	0.2	-2.9	0.3	-3.6
OTHER TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	10.1	9.9	10.6	0.2	-0.5	2.0	-4.7
INSTRUMENTS & RELATED PRODUCTS	120.2	120.2	119.8	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.3
MISC MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	38.5	38.7	37.2	-0.2	1.3	-0.5	3.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	604.1	603.2	592.1	0.9	12.0	0.1	2.0
TRANSPORTATION	371.2	370.2	358.6	1.0	12.6	0.3	3.5
RAILROADS	17.4	17.5	18.0	-0.1	-0.6	-0.6	-3.3
TRUCKING AND WAREHOUSING	160.5	159.3	156.1	1.2	4.4	0.8	2.8
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	193.3	193.4	184.5	-0.1	8.8	-0.1	4.8
COMMUNICATIONS	148.2	148.6	149.9	-0.4	-1.7	-0.3	-1.1
ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	84.7	84.4	83.6	0.3	1.1	0.4	1.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	3075.8	3022.0	2998.6	53.8	77.2	1.8	2.6
WHOLESALE TRADE	752.1	751.5	730.3	0.6	21.8	0.1	3.0
RETAIL TRADE	2323.7	2270.5	2268.3	53.2	55.4	2.3	2.4
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	289.8	269.8	288.3	20.0	1.5	7.4	0.5
FOOD STORES	321.9	318.1	317.8	3.8	4.1	1.2	1.3
OTHER RETAIL TRADE	1712.0	1682.6	1662.2	29.4	49.8	1.7	3.0
FINANCE INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	838.9	835.5	821.6	3.4	17.3	0.4	2.1
FINANCE	389.2	388.3	381.2	0.9	8.0	0.2	2.1
INSURANCE AGTS CARRIERS BRKRS	230.3	229.2	226.7	1.1	3.6	0.5	1.6
REAL ESTATE	197.1	195.8	192.0	1.3	5.1	0.7	2.7
COMB HOLDING & OTHER INVEST CO	22.3	22.2	21.7	0.1	0.6	0.5	2.8
SERVICES	3246.4	3237.3	3141.5	9.1	104.9	0.3	3.3
HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES	189.0	189.2	184.5	-0.2	4.5	-0.1	2.4
PERSONAL SERVICES	134.4	133.5	130.3	0.9	4.1	0.7	3.1
BUSINESS SERVICES	861.1	856.7	829.7	4.4	31.4	0.5	3.8
AUTO AND MISC REPAIR SERVICES	172.4	172.9	168.7	-0.5	3.7	-0.3	2.2
MOTION PICTURES	93.7	93.1	90.1	0.6	3.6	0.6	4.0
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	117.1	115.3	115.0	1.8	2.1	1.6	1.8
HEALTH SERVICES	759.4	757.2	734.5	2.2	24.9	0.3	3.4
OTHER SERVICES	919.3	919.4	888.7	-0.1	30.6	-0.0	3.4
GOVERNMENT	2064.1	2066.5	1988.8	-2.4	75.3	-0.1	3.8
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	364.5	361.2	362.1	3.3	2.4	0.9	0.7
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	1699.6	1705.3	1626.7	-5.7	72.9	-0.3	4.5
COUNTY	263.5	263.3	251.4	0.2	12.1	0.1	4.8
CITY	226.0	226.0	218.1	0.0	7.9	0.0	3.6
EDUCATION	903.8	908.3	859.3	-4.5	44.5	-0.5	5.2
EDUCATION STATE	170.3	172.7	164.9	-2.4	5.4	-1.4	3.3
EDUCATION LOCAL	733.5	735.6	694.4	-2.1	39.1	-0.3	5.6
OTHER STATE & LOCAL	306.3	307.7	297.9	-1.4	8.4	-0.5	2.8
STATE EXC ED	207.6	208.9	200.1	-1.3	7.5	-0.6	3.7
SPECIAL DISTRICT	98.7	98.8	97.8	-0.1	0.9	-0.1	0.9
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	306.0	314.0	294.7	-8.0	11.3	-2.5	3.8

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COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	14468900	13761300	707600	4.9
ALAMEDA	686800	662600	24200	3.5
ALPINE	475	450	25	5.7
AMADOR	10850	10325	525	4.8
BUTTE	72375	67650	4725	6.5
CALAVERAS	9650	8875	775	8.0
COLUSA	7650	6650	1000	12.9
CONTRA COSTA	417800	403200	14600	3.5
DEL NORTE	8475	7400	1075	12.7
EL DORADO	63600	61300	2300	3.6
FRESNO	296800	266200	30600	10.3
GLENN	10400	9425	975	9.5
HUMBOLDT	51100	47400	3700	7.2
IMPERIAL	45800	37000	8800	19.2
INYO	8400	8025	375	4.6
KERN	226800	202500	24300	10.7
KINGS	34475	31150	3325	9.6
LAKE	17025	15575	1450	8.5
LASSEN	9900	9250	650	6.5
LOS ANGELES	4450000	4221000	229000	5.2
MADERA	37975	33275	4700	12.4
MARIN	127700	125000	2700	2.1
MARIPOSA	6525	6150	375	5.8
MENDOCINO	33625	31200	2425	7.2
MERCED	70475	63075	7400	10.5
MODOC	3950	3700	250	6.6
MONO	5625	5325	300	5.4
MONTEREY	153900	142100	11800	7.7
NAPA	55500	53100	2400	4.4
NEVADA	29600	28150	1450	4.9
ORANGE	1379000	1342800	36200	2.6

* NOTE: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ARE BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.
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PLACER	78100	75200	2900	3.7
PLUMAS	8150	7450	700	8.6
RIVERSIDE	413600	386800	26800	6.5
SACRAMENTO	513600	493300	20300	4.0
SAN BENITO	15875	13975	1900	12.0
SAN BERNARDINO	538600	514700	23900	4.4
SAN DIEGO	1162900	1122100	40800	3.5
SAN FRANCISCO	404800	390800	14000	3.5
SAN JOAQUIN	188200	170900	17300	9.2
SAN LUIS OBISPO	95250	92100	3150	3.3
SAN MATEO	355300	347300	8000	2.2
SANTA BARBARA	178900	171900	7000	3.9
SANTA CLARA	829600	802100	27500	3.3
SANTA CRUZ	127700	119600	8100	6.4
SHASTA	59275	54825	4450	7.5
SIERRA	1325	1175	150	10.9
SISKIYOU	18150	16475	1675	9.2
SOLANO	140200	133900	6300	4.5
SONOMA	195800	188600	7200	3.7
STANISLAUS	157200	141300	15900	10.1
SUTTER	27025	23550	3475	12.8
TEHAMA	18275	16850	1425	7.8
TRINITY	5450	4800	650	11.8
TULARE	135900	120000	15900	11.7
TUOLUMNE	17225	16150	1075	6.2
VENTURA	360500	342000	18500	5.1
YOLO	71700	67400	4300	6.0
YUBA	17975	16425	1550	8.6

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